

GERMAN EFFORT FAILS IN FRONT OF WARSAW

Von Hindenburg Expected to Order
Retreat or Find Himself in
Dangerous Position.

HE IS NO LONGER ATTACKING

Kaiser Pays Dearly for Invasion of
Poland—Fighting Along Pilica and
Nida Rivers Now Is Vital Part of
Campaign.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
LONDON, December 26.—It is officially
announced by the Russian govern-
ment that the German forces along
the Pilica and Nida rivers have
attempted to break the Russian
center in front of Warsaw. The
expectation in this city is that Field Mar-
shal von Hindenburg must order a re-
treat or find himself in the situation
that ruined Napoleon in 1812.

The most definite news of German
failure comes, not from Petrograd, but
from Berlin. The German War Office
admits that the German forces along
the River Bzura are no longer attack-
ing. This admission, when taken in
connection with recent statements by
the Russians of detailed losses suffered
by the Germans in attempting to force
passage of the Bzura and Rawka
seems to show clearly that the Ger-
mans have paid dearly for their in-
vasion of Poland, and that the loss of
50,000 killed, wounded and missing in
the last two weeks has brought them
no nearer to Warsaw. They got across
the Bzura in one place only. This was
at a village south of Sochaczew, thirty
miles west of Warsaw. Enthusiasm
prevailed on the part of the Germans
who tried desperately to hold the position
long enough for the arrival of the main
forces, but the Russians brought up
artillery and shelled the invaders out
of the village. The German forces were
driven back and were compelled to sacrifice
every advantage gained.

The fighting in Southern Poland
along the Pilica and Nida Rivers has
become the vital part of the campaign.
In these regions the Germans are at-
tempting to turn the Russian left
wing, while an Austrian force, which
advanced from Galicia to the line of
the Nida, is trying to envelop a con-
siderable part of the Russian army. In
the northern part of Poland and along
the frontier of Southern East Prussia
the Germans were developing an attack
in the last week. Defeated north
of Plock and near Mlawka and driven
fifteen miles beyond their own
frontier, they rallied and renewed the
offensive. The scene of the fighting
is again near Mlawka. The Petrograd
correspondent of the Times reports
that Marshal von Hindenburg is mak-
ing another attempt to divert Russian
forces from the main front, and that he
is sending troops from Thorn to reinforce
his army along the right bank of the
lower Vistula.

It seems apparent now that the issue
of the fighting in Galicia has turned
in favor of the Russians. Although
the Russian force around Cracow was
obliged to withdraw about thirty miles
in order to meet an Austrian advance
from the Carpathians, it has kept its
grip nevertheless on Galicia, and will
be ready to advance to Cracow the
moment the Austrian pressure is re-
lieved. The success of the Russian
announcements, practically to have
been accomplished. The Times cor-
respondent says that in the last few
days the Russians have captured be-
tween 15,000 and 20,000 Hungarians in
the Carpathians.

A dispatch from Petrograd to-night
says the Czar has left for the battle
front. He took leave of the Czarina
at Moscow. Jewish correspondents
say the Czar 15,000 rubles (\$7,500), to be
used for military purposes.

GUTIERREZ ASKED TO GRANT AMNESTY

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an appeal from Rear-Admiral Howard,
sent \$1,000 worth of food to Acapulco,
on the west coast.

CANOVA DENIES CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM

EL PASO, TEX., December 26.—Leon
Canova, special agent of the State De-
partment, arrived here early to-day
from Mexico City. He denied charges
against himself and Consul Silliman,
made by (German) papers regarding
the release of former Governor Itur-
bide.

It could not be learned whether
Iturbide was in Mexico or had crossed
the border.

MAYTORENA LIFTS SIEGE OF NACO

NACO, ARIZ., December 26.—Governor
Maria Maytorena, of Sonora, lifted
the siege of Naco, Sonora, to-day and
retired to the southwest with his
troops. He destroyed his works, burned
his camp and removed all his ar-
tillery.

During the night Maytorena's troops,
west and south of Naco, lost their po-
sitions. At daybreak they concentrated
four miles to the southwest, where
they boarded a train which had been
there since the siege was begun nearly
three months ago.

General Benjamin Hill, commanding

the Naco garrison, sent out skirmish-
ers, who had a bloodless encounter
with the Maytorena rear guard. Hill's
men took three women prisoners and
killed up a shrapnel shell left in the
Maytorena camp. It was brought into
the garrison and exploded while being
examined, killing three and wounding
thirteen, two of whom died.

Hill's scouts reported to-night that
Maytorena's army had disappeared. The
railroad leads to Nogales and Cananea.
The scouts did not learn Maytorena's
objective. Detachments of Hill's men
visited Maytorena's vacated trenches
and returned to-night with consider-
able ammunition and a few rifles.
Twenty-one cases of cartridges are
said to have been found at one outpost.
Dead were reported lying all along the
line that had been occupied by May-
torena. In one spot Hill said his men
found 160 bodies; at another seventy-
eight. The total loss of the Carranza
garrison during the siege was placed
at 135 by General Hill to-night. May-
torena's total loss was figured at 800.

On the American side stray bullets
from the Mexican fighting lines killed
five and wounded forty-seven. Bullets
by the thousand flew over the bound-
ary into American territory during the
siege.

The retirement of Maytorena's be-
sieging army fulfills an announcement
made by Maytorena after his confer-
ence on Thursday with General Hugh
L. Scott, chief of staff of the United
States Army, who came here in an
effort to stop permanently fighting at
border points, where bullets endan-
gered American lives and property.

CARRANZA WILL NOT MOVE TO MONTERREY

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., December 26.—

Denial of reports that General Ve-
nustiano Carranza would move his cap-
ital from Vera Cruz to Monterrey was
made in a message received here to-
night by Consul J. Z. Garza, from Mar-
celino Davalos, a Carranza adherent at
Vera Cruz.

ARRIVE FOR CONFERENCE

VERA CRUZ, December 26.—Rafael

Zuharen, who has been General Car-
ranza's representative at Washington,
and General Eduardo Hay, chief of
staff of the Carranza forces, arrived
here to-day for a conference with Gen-
eral Carranza and Luis Cabrera.

FORMER GOVERNOR ITURBIDE APPARENTLY DISAPPEARS

EL PASO, TEX., December 26.—

Eduardo Iturbide, the former Federal
governor of the Mexican Federal dis-
trict, whose welfare has been the sub-
ject of diplomatic representations by
the Washington government and a dis-
pute between Villa and Zapata of-
ficials, apparently has disappeared.
Leon Canova, a special agent of the
American State Department, who ar-
rived here to-day from Mexico City,
said that so far as he knew Iturbide
was at the national capital. It had
been reported from Mexico that Itur-
bide was on his way here under the
protection of Canova.

It was reported by other arrivals
that the discussion over the Iturbide
case merely reflected a conflict be-
tween Villa and Zapata elements over
the execution of other ex-Federal of-
ficials. It was said that General Angeles
Villa's chief of artillery, and himself,
a former Federal general, had used
pressure with Villa and Gutierrez to
pardon several former Federal officers
condemned to death. This had not
pleased the Zapata element it was
said.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO ITALY'S QUEEN

ROME, December 26.—A daughter

was born to-day to Queen Helena of
Italy. Mother and child are doing well.

Queen Helena, a daughter of King

Nicholas, of Montenegro, married King

Victor Emmanuel, October 24, 1896.
The royal couple now have five chil-
dren, four daughters and one son.

PRIVATE ARTHUR BARNES HAS STIRRING ADVENTURE

He Tells in Letter How It Feels to
Have Great English Guns Firing
Over You.

TRUANT SCHOOLBOYS HEROES

Driver Drain and Lance-Corporal
Fuller Receive Coveted Victoria
Cross for Bravery on Field of Bat-
tle—Schools Proud of Them.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, December 26.—Private Ar-
thur H. Barnes, driving a supply wa-
gon, tells of a stirring adventure in
the following letter to his father:

"At last I have a minute to try and
give a little idea of what we are doing.
For the last fortnight we have been
constantly on the move, hardly ever
stopping more than a few nights at
the same place, and frequently mov-
ing at night.

"My wagon was chosen as one of
those necessary, and after harnessing
up, we moved off to a village some
seven miles distant (this village was
totally deserted of inhabitants and
half the houses wrecked). The bat-
talion then took up position in the
reserve trenches, and the transport
were given a position just behind—
behind a house (half wrecked), which
was to protect them from bullets and
shrapnel.

"We had only been there a short
time when a staff officer came up with
an order, and we were told to stand
to our horses, which we had hardly
done when began one of the most ter-
rible fusillades that have ever been
heard.

"Two hundred English guns were
arranged in the shape of a horseshoe,
of which we were right in the middle,
so that half the guns fired over our
heads. The flashes made the whole
scene bright, and the noise seemed to
hit you, while the shells overhead
seemed like trains hurtling through
the air.

"The action was quite successful,
and, happily, the German guns were
put out of action before they could re-
ply.

TWO TRUANT SCHOOLBOYS

HAVE WON THE V. C.

Two truant schoolboys have won the

V. C. They are Driver Drain, 15, of
Barking, and Lance-Corporal Fuller,
of Swansea.

Driver Drain, of the Fifty-seventh
Battery, R. L. A., as a boy attended the
Back Lane School, Barking, and the
muster there describes him as being
"one of the worst boys in the school."
An interview with his parents discloses
why he earned such a character. It
was because he hated school, much
preferring to "mild cow."

This weakness of young Drain led
him to his being sent to the Waltham-
stow Truant School in 1910. Drain
joined the army two years ago. The
official account of the act for which
he was awarded the V. C. is very brief.

At Le Cateau on August 26, as a vol-
unteer, helping to save guns under fire
from hostile infantry, who were 100
yards away.

Little dreaming of his son's courage-
ous action, the father, although he car-
ried about with him all day a news-
paper with the announcement in it,
knew nothing about it until he had his
attention drawn to it by a fellow work-
man in the evening.

On behalf of the town, the chairman
of the Barking Council, A. B. Ho, has
sent the V. C. hero the following wire:

Heartiest congratulations. The town
of Barking is proud of you.

Naturally at Driver Drain's old school
there is great enthusiasm, and the
master is engaged in painting the

hero's portrait to be hung in the school.
Lance-Corporal Fuller, V. C., the first
Welshman to receive the coveted dis-
tinction, was, when a boy, a truant at
school, and as a result was sent to the
Swansea Truant (now the Industrial)
School. The fact has leaked out in
the following Home Office letter ad-
dressed to the secretary of the Swansea
education committee:

Dear Sir,—I learn to-day that Lance-
Corporal William Fuller, of the Second
Battalion, Welsh Regiment, who has
been awarded the Victoria Cross for
conspicuous gallantry, is an old inmate
of your school at Bonymann. May I
say how much I congratulate the school
on having turned out a boy who has
proved himself so brave a soldier, and
who, I hear, is also helping locally now
to further recruiting in the Swansea
district?

Fuller's conduct speaks much for the
general training which he received
when a member of the school, and I
should like to suggest that some spe-
cial permanent tablet should be placed
in the school dining-room, recording
the circumstances under which Fuller
has been awarded the cross in the
words used in the London Gazette of
Monday last.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES N. RUSSELL.

The local education authority is to
be asked to place a brass tablet in the
school recording how Fuller carried
out his duty to a place of safety
when under very heavy fire.

SEVERAL MOLD HAD EXTRAORDINARY ESCAPE

Among the wounded who arrived at
the base hospital at Bristol was Ser-
geant Mold, of the Second Queen's
Royal West Surrey Regiment, who had
an extraordinary escape as a prisoner
at Zenebeke.

He was wounded in the shoulder and
was left behind. He crawled into a
cellar for protection from the shell and
sniper fire, and remained there with three
other wounded men. Two of them died
during the night. The third man was
wounded in the legs and could not get
away.

At daybreak Mold crawled out, with
the idea of returning to his regiment,
but to his astonishment found the
place surrounded by Germans, and
escape impossible.

One man leveled a rifle at him, but
he shouted that he was wounded and
unarmed, and a German who spoke
English said: "You will have to come
along with us."

They took him to a field hospital and

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